

Subject: RE: UCLA Research Projects for HMD BID

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Hello! Thank you for reaching out to me.

Your invoice has been approved for payment in our next batch of checks (around the 10th of the month). Your payment was not included in our month-end batch and I apologize for that.

As for the project, do we have an executed MOU or a letter of agreement with you/UCLA detailing the work to be performed? We have no records at our office. As a quasi-governmental entity using public tax dollars, this would be required prior to the commencement of work.

Unfortunately, in any event, we cannot proceed with this project at this time due to the BID's unexpected change in circumstances. We are focused on a new executive director which necessitates postponing the research project.

Thanks for understanding.

Warmest regards,

Laurie

HMD Board Member and Treasurer

From: Mehmet Berker [<mailto:mehmetikberker@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 2:20 PM

To: Laurie Goldman

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Hi Ms. Goldman,

I heard from Steven Whiddon when I called him yesterday that he was no longer with HMD BID. Since I had been helping him and the BID out by liaising with UCLA to get a couple of research projects up and running, I emailed Jim Omahen to see what I needed to do to move forward with the effort. He told me that the best person to get in contact with would be you.

So, as you may be aware, UCLA is on a quarter system. The way that the grad student client projects work for the Urban Planning program, is that once the school year starts, the students start meeting with their clients, and internally with their academic advisers, to craft their research plans in detail. I would love to be able to connect our two researchers with either the new incoming ED, Lisa, or yourself and board leadership, to get them properly situated.

There was also a map that I did for HMD BID, that Steven commissioned, for which I sent an invoice in a month ago. Jim told me that, again, the best person to talk with would be you, especially since you are the Treasurer for HMD BID. I have since resent the invoice to Jim, so he should have everything.

So, those are the two issues that would great to go over if you have the chance. Obviously getting the invoice paid would be wonderful, but my more immediate concern is getting connected myself, and helping get our student researchers up to speed and connected with the right people. These two students in particular are both really good, and I really want to make sure they can hit the ground running.

Thanks so much and feel free to call or email,

Mehmet

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